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Washington State Liquor Control Board

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From:

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Exhibit B

Subject:

Petition to Amend Rule (81) (Wine Price Posting) Filed by

Washington Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association, December 7, 1970

The subject petition requests that the wholesalers rather than the wineries be authorized to establish and file wholesale prices on wine. This proposal closely parallels the Association's pending petition to amend Rule (49) relative to beer price posting.

Wholesale wine postings are presently filed monthly, however, beer postings are on a ten-day basis, as noted in <u>Exhibit A</u> of this report. Otherwise, my analysis, observations, and recommendations concerning the request to amend Rule (49) (Beer), as set forth in said <u>Exhibit A</u>, are applicable to subject petition on Rule (81) (Wine).

As a point of information, 47 wineries are posting prices for an aggregate total of 355 wine wholesalers. The large number of wholesalers represented in this figure is occasioned by the fact that some wholesalers carry the products of more than one winery. Actually, the number of individual postings which would be filed under the proposed new system would approximately triple the number currently being submitted.

Despite previous efforts on the part of the wholesalers to obtain permission to apply a surcharge to wine sold in mixed and/or broken case lots, the Association has not embodied such a provision in the subject petition.

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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

CASE NO. CV04-0360P

EXHIBIT NO. 036